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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00,450-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Polverino et al.)
Serial No.: 09/724,000)
Filed: November 28, 2000)
For: Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1)
Molecules and Uses Thereof)

Before the Examiner: S. Rawlings

Group Art Unit: 1642

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION MAILED JULY 16, 2001

Responsive to the Official Action, mailed July 16, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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01 FC:102 84.00 OP
02 FC:103 360.00 OP

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

9. (Amended) A polypeptide produced by a process comprising:
- (a) culturing a host cell containing a vector comprising a nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence
- (i) as set forth in SEQ ID NO. 4;
- (ii) of the DNA insert in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-1775; or
- (iii) that encodes a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO. 5;
- under conditions suitable to express the polypeptide; and optionally

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